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SUBJECT: BOTH MAKARIOS AND GREEK GOVERNMENT COMMENT POSITIVELY
ON SECRETARY KISSINGER'S UNGA SPEECH

1. SUMMARY. IN THE COURSE OF HIS ATHENS STOPOVER EN ROUTE TO NEW YORK ON SEPTEMBER 23, ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS STATED THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER'S REMARKS ON CYPRUS IN HIS UNGA SPEECH CONTAINED ELEMENTS WHICH COULD OPEN THE WAY TO A CYPRUS SOLUTION. ON THE SAME DAY A GOG SOURCE STATED THAT THE SECRETARY'S REMARKS DEMONSTRATED CLEARLY THAT THE USG HAD NOT BEEN PRESSURING THE GREEK GOVERNMENT ON THE CYPRUS QUESTION BUT HAD IN FACT BEEN APPLYING PRESSURE ON THE TURKISH SIDE. END SUMMARY

2. IN THE COURSE OF A STOPOVER FOR ALMOST AN HOUR AT ATHENS AIRPORT ON SEPTEMBER 23 EN ROUTE TO NEW YORK, ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS MET WITH PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS. HE THEN HELD A BRIEF PRESS CONFERENCE DURING WHICH HE INDICATED THAT A COMPLETE IDENTITY OF VIEWS REGARDING THE HANDLING OF THE CYPRUS QUESTION EXISTED BETWEEN THE GREEK AND CYPRIOT GOVERNMENTS. MAKARIOS ALSO COMMENTED, IN RESPONSE

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TO QUESTIONS, ON THE REMARKS ON CYPRUS MADE BY SECRETARY

KISSINGER IN HIS UNGA SPEECH THE PREVIOUS DAY.

3. AS TO WHETHER THE SECRETARY'S SPEECH INDICATED A CHANGE IN U.S. POLICY ON CYPRUS, MAKARIOS STATED "IT IS TRUE THAT THE SPEECH OF THE AMERICAN SECRETARY OF STATE HAD INDICATIONS OF A CHANGE OF THE AMERICAN POSITION CONCERNING CYPRUS. THE PROPOSALS OF DR. KISSINGER CONTAIN ELEMENTS WHICH MAY BE ABLE TO OPEN THE ROAD TO A SOLUTION OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM." WHEN QUERIED WHETHER HE ATTRIBUTED THIS CHANGE TO THE RECENT DISCUSSION OF THE FRENCH PRESIDENT AND GENERALLY TO THE FRENCH POSITION ON CYPRUS, MAKARIOS REPLIED "I SHALL NOT SAY WITH ASSURANCE THAT SOMEHOW THE CHANGE OF AMERICAN POLICY IS DUE TO THE VISIT OF THE FRENCH PRESIDENT TO GREECE. HOWEVER, WHAT I CAN SAY WITH ASSURANCE IS THAT THE STATEMENTS OF THE FRENCH PRESIDENT DURING HIS VISIT TO GREECE CONSTITUTED A VERY POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION TO THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CYPRUS QUESTION."

4. THE GREEK GOVERNMENT ALSO COMMENTED SEPTEMBER 23 ON THE SECRETARY'S REMARKS ON CYPRUS IN HIS UNGA SPEECH THROUGH THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT ATTRIBUTED TO AN UNIDENTIFIED "GOVERNMENT SOURCE": BEGIN TEXT. WHAT MR. KISSINGER SAID YESTERDAY IN THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONTRADICTS THE IRRESPONSIBLE RUMORS THAT THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT ALLEGEDLY EXERTS PRESSURE ON THE GREEK GOVERNMENT FOR CONCESSIONS ON THE CYPRUS QUESTION. CERTAINLY, THE GREEK GOVERNMENT HAS REPEATEDLY STRESSED THAT NO SUCH PRESSURE HAD BEEN EXERTED ON IT, AND THAT IF BY CHANCE IT HAD BEEN ATTEMPTED, IT WOULD IN NO WAY BE TOLERATED. TO THE CONTRARY, IT WAS KNOWN THAT PRESSURE WAS EXERTED ON TURKEY BECAUSE THE UNITED STATES RECOGNIZED BOTH THE RIGHTNESS OF THE GREEK POSITIONS AND ITS MODERATION IN DEFENDING THEM. THE ONLY COMPLAINT WHICH COULD HAVE ANY STANDING WAS THAT THE PRESSURE WHICH WAS EXERTED ON THE SIDE WHICH HAD DONE WRONG WAS NOT AS STRONG AS IT SHOULD BE IN ORDER TO PROVE EFFECTIVE. IT IS WORTH NOTING THAT THE OFFICIAL AMERICAN POSITIONS HAVE NOW BEEN FORMULATED CLEARLY, SOMETHING WHICH GREEK PUBLIC OPINION WILL CERTAINLY APPRECIATE AND WHICH TURKISH POLICY WILL PERHAPS SERIOUSLY TAKE INTO ACCOUNT. END TEXT.

5. IN HIS PRESS CONFERENCE MAKARIOS ALSO COMMENTED ON OTHER UNCLASSIFIED

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ASPECTS OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM. HE STATED THAT THE FAILURE OF THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS HAD RENDERED IT IMPERATIVE THAT THE QUESTION BE TAKEN UP IN THE UNITED NATIONS. HE ASSERTED THAT THE LAST ROUND OF TALKS "CAME TO NAUGHT" BECAUSE THE TURKS USED THEM IN ORDER TO CONSOLIDATE THE DE FACTO SITUATION AND TO BRING ABOUT OTHER FAITS ACCOMPLIS. MAKARIOS NOTED THAT HE DOES NOT EXPECT THE CYPRUS PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED BY THE UNITED NATIONS GIVEN THE FACT THAT ITS EARLIER RESOLUTIONS HAVE

NOT BEEN RESPECTED AND APPLIED. HOWEVER, HE SAID, THE UN CAN
CONTRIBUTE TO ADVANCING THE PROBLEM TOWARDS A SOLUTION.

6. MAKARIOS DISCLAIMED ANY KNOWLEDGE AS TO WHAT FUTURE
DEVELOPMENTS ON CYPRUS MIGHT ENTAIL BUT STATED HE HAD THE
IMPRESSION THAT TURKEY WOULD PERSIST IN ITS DEMANDS.
HE DECLARED, HOWEVER, THAT THE GREEK CYPRIOT PEOPLE WOULD
NOT BE DISPOSED TO YIELD TO BLACKMAIL AND TO GRANT CONCESSIONS
WHICH WOULD ENDANGER NATIONAL INTERESTS. FINALLY, HE ASSERTED
THAT THE GREEK CYPRIOTS ARE NOT INSPIRED BY A SPIRIT OF
INTRANSIGENCE BUT NEVERTHELESS THEY DO CLAIM JUSTICE AND
"JUSTICE HAS THE POWER TO BE VICTORIOUS IN THE END."
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